The irrepressible conflict between progressives and old order has culminated in a disruption of the German Baptist Church in Cherokee Co., Iowa, and H. B. Lehman, their minister, who dared to speak against the obligatory rules, with a number of others, has been subjected to the old fashioned discipline of Matt. 18 chapter.

There is no use complaining about our brethren not writing if you give them *live* subjects to write upon. From appearances, we are now to have a round on the subject of church government. Such themes as the passover, the immortality of the soul and close communion will soon fill the paper.

There is something fascinating about the Warner advertisements. We used to fall into them frequently, and enjoy a good deal of amusement over the accident. Well the medicine is as good as any other sick people can buy, and there is money in them for printers.

The inside contains E. E. Metzger's oration delivered at the close of the last term of the College.

Enoch was in no way unfaithful. He walked with God three hundred years after his first son was born. He enjoyed His association.

## Things In General, Some Things In Particular.

I want to say that I have not been any where near Harper's Ferry, or Hagerstown, Md., since I left the latter place for this city. I make this statement because I have recently received letters rebuking me for coming within thirty miles of home and friends and not coming to see them. I suppose the idea originated from some talking of my probable visit to Md., but no definite time was fixed, and no arrangements made. My friends must have more faith than to believe that I would come so near and yet not see them.

This leads me to say that too much confidence must not be placed in what you hear, reports generally grow as they travel, and they do not grow in the right direction. One man may say: "Such a thing may occur." The man who hears him may go out and say, "such a thing has occurred." The adding of a word, or the taking away a word may alter the meaning, a man may say a thing with a smile, the hearer may repeat it with a wink and a frown. Many men do not mean to lie, but by being thoughtless they often do, and in no way so often as in mutilating what they hear. Do not my beloved believe all you hear. Try the spirits.

The Philadelphia Record has a plan to enforce temperance—a recent issue says: "The more Sunday saloons open the less drunkenness found by the police." If this is so then not only open all saloons but let us establish more, in some cases, saloons are on three corners, lets put one on the fourth, but then why shut up all the saloons on election day? The fact is, the Record is a whiskeyite. Some time ago, several persons died from eating buns containing chrome yellow. The newspapers made a wonderful out cry. The Record found a party using chrome yellow in noodles, (in place of eggs) and how the Record went for the noodles. Whiskey is slaying its thousands, yet is defended. Shame on men who give their influence to satan, and compromise the truth, for worldy gain and temporary success.

The Bible Reader's Assistant is now being sent out. It contains 64 pages. Among other features it containes the correct pronunciation of Bible proper names. The book is the same size of the Church Member's Hand Book, and sells for 10 cents. Fifteen copies for one dollar. This book has cost me much labor, and I trust will be helpful to some. If you wish to earn a free book you can do so on the same terms as with the hand-book, at least for a while. I think this book will out sell the hand book. A copy will be sent to all members of the tract society in due time. It is a hard matter for one pair of hands to keep up with all work. Bro. Leech, has been helping me, but for two weeks has been sick. He is now recovering.

There is one thing I would like to call the attention of some people to, vis: Letters sometime go astray, they are misdirected, etc., etc., letters are addressed to S. st., in place of 8th st. They are directed with a lead pencil and are not readable. Sometimes the name is not signed, sometimes the name is all right, but no post office, state or county. and the only thing to do is to wait until the party writes again and fills the letter with gun powder as it were. Now I would suggest that you just drop a card when you do not get an answer as soon as you think you ought, and ask what is the matter. I presume the Publishing House, and others suffer the same way, and I speak, not only for myself but all it may concern.

And again I would just state that I am not working for myself but others. I want to see the cause prosper and the churches go up, and I want to see a building go up here. It takes money. And if I buy books and send them to you, I expect you to pay for them. I get nothing for my work. Not a cent have I been paid for my labor in the tract work. Understand I am not growling, but only stating some cold facts, and I do not expect any one to take advantage of the situation. A hint to the wise is sufficient, and I am only giving a hint. I do not like to talk plain, but I have it to do some times. I am not only working for the Brethren church of Philadelphia, but for the church at large. And I expect those who call me brother to stand by me, not for me, but for the cause. The principle is greater than the individual.

By authority of the church I ordained Bro. E. M. Gerald, Nov. 22nd, 1887. Bro. Gerald expects to visit Hagerstown, Mapleville and St. James, in a few days. He feels like taking a look in Virginia. Bro. Gerald is mild in his manners, entertaining and instructive in his preaching, having a love for souls, and a burning desire to help in the world's salvation. I trust our brother's visit may result in good to both preacher and people.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

## Our Moving and Ramblings.

On Friday evening, Nov. 11th, myself and family bade adieu to our brethren and friends at South Haven, Kan. and boarded a train for Oswego, Labette Co., Kan. We were met at the depot by Bro. Richard Arnold and by him conveyed to his hospitable home, eleven miles distance. On Tuesday Nov. 15th, we set up house keeping in the little village of Montana, a beautifully located little town but lacking railroad conveniences. We are now engaged here in a protracted effort. We baptized one person today, Nov. 23rd. Two more meetings and we close for the present.

On the 25th, we take up our journey for Nickerson, Reno Co., where we expect to assist our brethren for several weeks in revival work. We have before us now all of ten weeks constant preaching. Before we left South Haven we held a ten days meeting. The meetings grew in interest and after we closed, the word came to us that quite a number were just about ready to come to Christ. O how we wish we could commence a meeting once with "quite a number" ready to come in the start. It would save much precious time.

It was with much regret on our part that we parted with the brethren and friends at South Haven. While we were there they treated us with extraordinary kindness, the memory of which will ever sweetly cluster around our hearts. We never lived among better people, the church at South Haven being in peace, love and harmony. We left our membership with them. Indeed we may never take it away. We may return there some day. It was a matter of necessity that caused us to leave. We saw no chance to provide for our family. O how we pity many families in that country now.

In point of beauty, soil, brethren and friends, Summer Co., is not excelled in the State. But the past season has been very dry that scarcely anything was raised there causing a stagnation (except with the unfeeling money checks) in business and distressing poverty in many homes. Times are very close in this country, but there is enough here for the people to live on, and some to spare.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Montana, Kansas.

## Auburn, Ill.

Dec. 1.—The repairs on our church property has just been completed at an expense, to the brethren, of about $200,00. We now have a very cozy house to worship in.

When you read this remember that we are engaged in a series of meetings (which will begin the 3rd) and don't forget to offer a prayer in our behalf and for the success of our labor. We have but little material to work on, for a town of 1500 inhabitants, a very large majority of our town people are professors already. Yet, there are enough who make no profession, if we could only reach them, to have a glorious ingathering.

May our meeting prove a harvest, in which many sheaves may be gleaned for the Lord's garner. On last Sunday at 11 A. M., we added one to our number, by baptism. Prof. Michael B. Garber who, for years, has been one of the leading school teachers of the county. He is a young man of energy and ability and we hope that he may prove an efficient and successful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord and a blessing to the church.

I have jast finished reading Sister Julia A. Wood's "Northren Travels" and wish to say, by way of commendation, that it is a book of merit. Not only entertaining but instructive. And should be read by every brother and sister in the church.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

## College of St. James, Md.

I have not yet found that church I went in search of. On the way searching for the church I soon found I was 4 or 5 miles too far to the right for what I was hunting. When I began to inquire, and the people found out I was hunting a place to preach, they said they would like to hear what these Progressives believe and they had a comfortable school house I could preach in. I obeyed orders, expecting at the time to preach but three sermons, but interest grew, and I stayed longer.

On Sunday 20th, I preached to a packed house. Immediately after services, we buried two souls in baptism.

This is one of the places like Bro. Swihart found were people can baptize with out going into the water. I was the first man that had to take my applicants into the water to baptize them for 30 years. People baptized here for 30 years without going into the water. I have one more applicant for baptism. One old lady that was over 60 years old made application for baptism but was opposed by her husband. He wants her to wait for him. I hope they will both come soon. Several others wanted to follow Christ but were hindered by their parents. I hope all those that hinder souls will see the error of their ways and repent of such wicked deeds and encourage their children instead of hindering them.

Our pedo baptist brethren were with but few exceptions, very kind and liberal toward us for which they have our sincere thanks.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

## OUR CHURCH.

Bro. Mason says a few comforting words about the College.

Bro. E. Mason spent last Lord's day at Glenford, Ohio, and vicinity.

The North Star Church, Ohio, has sent in $25.00, on the dollar plan.

The drawer is full of manuscript for next week. Lookout for a live paper.

We are glad to see some enthusiasm arising among the brethren. We need it.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner was ordained an elder at the communion held here on the 28th.

Bro. David Bailey was on the sick list last week, his difficulty was disease of the throat.

Bro. R. K. Binkly has made arrangements to hold occasional services for the Brighton, Ind., brethren.

The revival ended at the College last Lord's day evening with one conversion, and one by relation.

To brother N. A. Frame we would say that it is not a hard matter to clear the College if we all do our part,

The past week we have had an opportunity to do a little editorial work, and fix up a few of the items hanging around.

Bro. P. J. Brown spent a part of last week in Columbiana Co. He filled a call for preaching at a new place for Brethren preachers.

Send for a copy of Julia A. Woods' "Northern Travels." You will enjoy the reading and have a good picture of the worthy sister.

One brother, in writing about the College says, "We must pull this old load out." That is it brother; we should all pull together and pull the load out.

Bro. G. W. DeBolt's meeting in Richardson Co., Neb., have been posponed from December 10th, until the 17th.

We congratulate the Carleton Nebraska church, in securing Bro. DeBolt for its pastor. It is rather remarkable how the prospects of the Brethren church have improved in that young state.

The dedication of the new church in the Masontown, Pa., congregation was posponed from the 20th, to the 27th, of November, and will be followed by a series of meetings by Bro. DeBolt.

Bro. G. W. A. Brockwell, of San Francisco, Cal., has located at Pasadena, Cal., for the winter for the benefit of his health. Some of the brethren must intend to capture that place. Several moved their recently.

Bro. E. L. Yoder has been visiting at Olathe, Kansas, and at Rosdale near Kansas City, lately in the interest of the Brethren cause. He reports a German Baptist church badly demoralized and a demand for Gospel preaching.

Bro. A. K. Brown reports that his church has paid the full amount of their subscription to Bro. Holsinger with an additional ten per cent. Elder Noah Heeter has also collected all from the Beaver Dam church, Ind., and the Louisville, Ohio, church has paid about all. Let the good work go on, and do not forget the new "Dollar donations."

Sister Mary Sterling sends us the intelligence that Bro. Geo. DeBolt baptized six at East Riverside, on Nov. 27th. The congregation was very large. We sometimes wondered whom the Lord would raise up to take the place of the able evangelists who have apparently retired from the work and fell by temptation, and Bro. DeBolt seems to be one who is to do it. It should not be forgotten that he has been laboring as an evangelist in the fields that were not the most promising yet his success has been remarkable.

## Monthly Statement of the Treasurer and Auditor of Ashland College, November, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ashland City Church | $15 00 |
| 2. | J. M. Fox | 10 00 |
| 3. | E. S. Myers | 60 00 |
| 5. | Wm. H. Hamilton | 16 56 |
| 9. | S. E. Shook, Boarding Hall. | 15 25 |
| 10. | D. Bailey, Int. Schol. Note. | 18 00 |
| 23. | Samuel Eikenbery, (Mason) | 6 00 |
| 23. | Luke Gregory, (Mason) | 5 00 |
| 23. | B. L. Gordon, (Mason) | 7 00 |
| 24. | John Kendall, Old note | 15 00 |
| 29. | J. B. Yoder | 3 00 |
| 30. | Tuition paid | 224 20 |
| | Total | 395 01 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| 2. | Janitor, | 15 75 |
| 5. | Mrs. W. C. Perry, | 50 00 |
| 5. | Exchange | 10 |
| 11. | David Bailey, | 19 60 |
| 21. | Stamps | 05 |
| 22. | W. W. Felger, | 90 00 |
| 26. | Stamps | 20 |
| 28. | Janitor, | 2 00 |
| * | Amount overpaid Nov. 1, | 1031 88 |
| | Total | 1208 98 |
| | Less receipts | 395 01 |
| | Am't overpaid to Dec. 1, | 813 97 |

* This means the amount that the Treasurer has furnished from his own funds in excess of cash on hand.

H. K. MYERS, Treas.

I certify the above to be correct.

DAVID BAILEY, Auditor.

No practical enforcement of the license system will ever sensibly mitigate the evils of intemperance. But let the law inflexibly prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages, and every youth is thereby warned from the cradle that those beverages are harmful and dangerous, and that drinking them he encourages the violation of the law. It would command the respect of its antagonists.—Horace Greely.